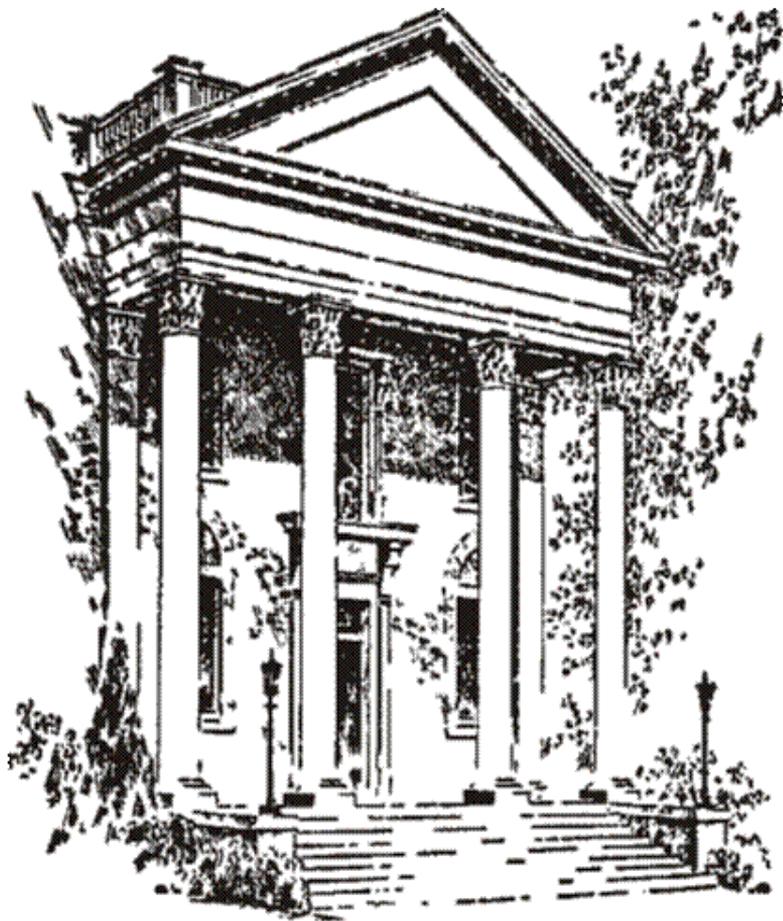




*The Beckley Presbyterian Church*  
*203 South Kanawha Street*  
*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*



**April 15, 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

*“The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith throughout God’s creation with love, joy, hope, and open hearts.”*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*If you are able, please stand for items marked \**  
*Portions in bold type are for congregational participation.*

## GREETINGS AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

### WE GATHER AND CONFESS

**PRELUDE**                      *Rejoice! Ye Pure in Heart*                      Douglas E. Wagner

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive; Luke 24:36*)                      Mac Tieche

The bread of life opens our eyes.

**The word of life opens our ears.**

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,  
**and by those wounds we are healed.**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.**

\* **HYMN 233**                      *The Day of Resurrection*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Together*)

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness.**

**We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.**

*(a time of Silence)*

**We beg your mercy for our fallen world.** *(a time of Silence)*

**We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.**

**Be our solace in this life and always.** *(a time of Silence)*

**We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.**

*(a time of Silence)*

**Forgive us our sin and lead us. Amen.** *(silence is kept)*

\* **HYMN 551**                      *Lord Have Mercy*                      Kyrie Eleison  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ Have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (*Responsive*)  
In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard.  
**God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven. We can be at peace!**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body.  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

\* **HYMN 581**                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      Response  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM**                      *Hymn of Promise*                      Natalie Sleeth

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**                      Darlene McNeel

We invite children and youth ages 3 through 8th Grade to come forward for a special message. Afterwards, a nursery is provided for children 5 and under.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)                      (page 35)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**                      Acts 3:12-19                      Page 120

This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

1 John 3:1-7                      Page 240

**<sup>31</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.**

What we do know is this: when he\* is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“The Favorite Child”

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

\* **HYMN 630**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

\* **STATEMENT OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed”(Together) Page 34  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God The Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

**PASTORS PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF PEOPLE**

*...In Joy or in sadness; we are your Easter People*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** - We are so glad that you are here worshipping with us today. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the blue visitor card available in the pews and place it in the offering plate. If you are participating in Beckley Presbyterian Church and you would like to become a member, please speak with our Pastor Jim Burton. His information is available on the back of the bulletin.

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary are placed this morning to the Glory of God and in honor of all my wonderful friends, I give thanks, Brenda Meadows.

**OPEN FLOWER DATE** there is an open flower date on **April 29th** if you would like to put flowers on the alter in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Betsy Gilmer at (304)253-8923.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** it's not too late join us in the Chapel during Sunday School, Pastor Burton will be leading a discussion based on Paul Nixon's book **I REFUSE TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH**. The book can be made available. It is cheaper on **KINDLE**. The class will last six or seven weeks. Question: How can a church choose **Life over Death**.

**TODAY** we will be taking up Cents-Ability offering that helps to support local food pantries in our area.

**WV REMEMBERS** on April 15th at 1:00 p.m. in Carter Hall, the campus of WVU Tech and Temple Beth El will host the 27th annual Holocaust Day of Remembrance also know as Yom HaShoah in memory of Max Lewin. Beckley's only Holocaust survivor. They will tell the story of his life, as well as, a candle lighting to represent the Jews who died in the Holocaust. Everyone welcome to attend.

**OUR PRAYERS** go out to these churches today First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charleston in the Presbytery of West Virginia; Gathaith Church in the Gura Parish in the Nyeri Presbytery.

**OUR THANKS** to Nancy Hageman for Cookies in the Witherspoon, Mac Tieche Lay Reader , Darlene McNeel Time for Young Disciples Leader , Nancy Kissinger Nursery Assistant and to this week's greeter Drema Davis.

## ELDERS ON CALL

April 15-21-Betsy Gilmer

April 22-28-Nancy Cameron and Ann Worley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is at 9:45 a.m. Children and youth classes are held in the Educational Building on the upper floor. *The Present Word Class* meets in Friendship Hall.

**FELLOWSHIP** and refreshments are available in the Witherspoon Room during the Sunday School hour.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided in the Educational Building from 9:30 a.m. to noon for newborn to age 5.

**RESTROOMS** are located on either side of the sanctuary on the landing going downstairs to the Friendship Hall. **Men's Restroom** on the **right landing** and **Ladies** on the **left landing**. **Handicapped Accessible Restrooms** are located in the back of the sanctuary and the parking lot entrance hallway leading to the Friendship Hall.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

*Cents-Ability Offering and  
Food for Helping Hands*

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m.- Worship

12:00 p.m.-Ministry of Christian Ed  
-Witherspoon Room

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

### MONDAY, APRIL 16

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

5:30 p.m.-Ministry of Church  
Growth/Service Mtg-  
Witherspoon room

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center

4:30 p.m.-Administration Mtg-  
Witherspoon Room

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Noon - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

6:00 p.m.-Handbells

7:15 p.m.-Choir

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting - Ed. Bldg.

### SATURDAY, April 21

10:00 a.m.-Quilting Group

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:55 a.m. - Worship

7 p.m. Worship on 99.5 FM Radio

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## SESSION

### Class of 2017-2018

Dan Calvert  
Ross Hageman  
Nancy Kissinger  
Charles McNeel  
Ann Worley

### Class of 2018-2019

Nancy Cameron  
Bill Hartling  
Karen Reed  
Clyde Smith  
Mac Tieche

### Class of 2019-2020

Al Combs  
Betsy Gilmer  
Drema Davis  
Mary Calvert  
David Sotak  
Youth Representative  
Rachel McNeel  
(one year term)

The Reverend Jim Burton, Moderator  
Dan Calvert, Acting Clerk of Session

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